
AGENDA ITEM: Memorandum of Understanding- Joint Parties

- ENCLOSURES:**
- Final Draft Memorandum of Understanding, dated 3/13/09
 - Final OSEA report, dated May 2008
 - Mental Health Services Act
 - Excerpts from WIC: Sections 5604.2, 5604.3, 5772(c)

Issue:

The enclosed Final Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) will be presented for MHSOAC adoption by Larry Poaster, Vice Chair and Sheri Whitt, Executive Director.

Background

In May 2008, the Department of Finance Office of State Audits and Evaluation (OSAE) issued a report to DMH (enclosed) that described areas of inconsistency and duplication related to MHSA implementation by DMH and MHSOAC. The report recommended that the parties work collaboratively to come to an agreement on roles and responsibilities related to implementing the MHSA.

Over the last several months, Larry Poaster, MHSOAC Vice Chair, and Sheri Whitt, Executive Director, attended a series of meetings sponsored by DMH to develop a draft memorandum of understanding between DMH, MHSOAC, CMHDA and CMHPC. The goal of these meetings was to develop a consensus document describing the roles and responsibilities of each entity and to improve the understanding and implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

The Final Draft Memorandum is being vetted by the four entities, all of whom were asked to focus specifically on the broad authorities described in this draft MOU and to determine only those items which would be considered "deal breakers" as a reason for not participating in the final MOU.

Also enclosed are a copy of the MHSA and a separate document with other excerpts from the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) that are referenced in the draft MOU.

Recommendation

Vote "yes" to adopt the Final Draft MOU, enclosed

Proposed Motion:

The MHSOAC adopts the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Mental Health, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the California Mental Health Planning Council and the California Mental Health Directors Association.